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SUBJ: FANK DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, FANMOUNG VISIT TO BANGKOK

REF: PHNOM PENH 7770

1. VARIOUS SOURCES GIVE DIFFERENT STORIES ON VISIT BETWEEN FANMOUNG AND KRIANGSAK. KRIANGSAK HAS INDICATED THAT PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS WERE (1) THE DISPLACEMENT OF DIRECT AIR SUPPORT COMMAND (DASC) FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH AND (2) THE FUTURE OF FANK TRAINING IN THAILAND. IT WAS AGREED THAT DASC WOULD BE MOVED TO PHNOM PENH BUT NOT IMMEDIATELY AND FANK TRAINING WOULD CONTINUE IN THAILAND.

2. ONE SOURCE INDICATES THAT "EVACUATION" DISCUSSED PERTAINED TO THE EVACUATION OF THAI MILITARY FROM PHNOM PENH AND OTHER LOCATIONS, AS DISTINCT FROM RTG EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

3. FANMOUNG ALSO BRIEFED RTG AND GAVE CONFIDENT, OPTIMISTIC EVALUATION OF GKR SITUATION.

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4. FANK OBVIOUSLY MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH THAI MILITARY LEADERSHIP. GENERAL SOSTHENE FERNANDES' WIFE VISITED KRIANGSAK FAMILY FOR SOME DAYS, BUT HAS NOW RETURNED TO CAMBODIA (BY ROAD TO BATTAMBANG); WE HAVE GARBLED REPORT THAT FERNANDES HIMSELF MAY HAVE INTENDED TO VISIT KRIANGSAK NIGHT OF JULY 26. KRIANGSAK ALSO EXPECTING "PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LON NOL" IN BANGKOK AUG 3; KRIANGSAK TOLD US VISITOR IS COMING TO HIM AS PERSONAL FRIEND AND NOT ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS INVOLVE ANY PORTENTOUS MATTERS, SUCH AS CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR FURTHER RTG INVOLVEMENT IN CAMBODIA.
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